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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Division of Electricity Regulation
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Sirs:

I am a shareholder of Duke Energy Corporation and I read the news release concerning the rate case just filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina by Duke Energy Carolinas. I agree with the company as I feel it is necessary for a recovery of investments made in South Carolina.

Since the company made several upgrades to its system concerning the best interests of South Carolina (Cliffside Steam Station, Dan River Combined Cycle Station, McGuire Nuclear Station, and Oconee Nuclear Station) it is now time for the ratepayers to pay their fair share for the improved qualities they now enjoy. I believe that in order for Duke Energy Carolinas to continue to provide the reliable services it is known for it must be allowed to recoup the investments it made so it can continue to serve its customers with future enhancements to their quality of life.

Additionally, the economy of South Carolina must be vibrant and robust. That is accomplished with the many contributions that are made daily, if not hourly, by Duke Energy Carolinas. In order for that to continue Duke Energy must have the resources available to reinvest in its electric system in order to provide future upgrades and to compensate its investors whose investment in South Carolina must be rewarded.

While rate increases are never popular they are necessary, and from time to time must occur. Since South Carolinians will continue to expect and demand, and rightly so, continued improvements and reliability in their electric services then Duke Energy Carolinas must be in the financial condition to provide the investments necessary to make the upgrades needed for high quality uninterrupted services.

My best wishes.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Solce, Jr.